GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:336
ANSWERED ON:06.08.2002
SALE OF LOTTERY
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lottery business is being run on a large scale in various States;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether some T. V. channels give live telecast of the results of lotteries being run in several States;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to ban all kinds of lotteries including telecasting of their results;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and
(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 336 FOR 06.08.2002.

(a) & (b): According to available information, the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are organising lotteries.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has intimated that in so far as Doordarshan is concerned, no live telecast of the results of lotteries run in several States is shown as on date. The data of programmes telecast on private satellite channels is not maintained.

(e) to (g): The Lotteries (Prohibition) Bill, 1999 which seeks to ban lotteries under entry 40 of the Union list to the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution was introduced in Rajya Sabha on the 23rd December, 1999. The Bill was referred to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs which has recommended that the Government should attempt to evolve a larger political consensus with regard to the subject matter of the Bill. The Government has decided to place the matter in the next conference of the Chief Ministers on Internal Security to elicit the views of the State Governments as also to try and build a political consensus in this regard.